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Six questions to ask a realtor or landlord before signing a lease:

1. Can I walk through the apartment with the landlord/broker to see the condition of the apartment? (Be sure to make written note of any damage(s) along with an agreement on a timetable for the repair(s).)
2. Does the rent include off street parking, heat and/or utilities?
3. What apartment features do you provide? I.e. laundry facilities, dishwasher, refrigerator, additional storage space?
4. Where is the closest public transportation and what are the local parking laws?
5. Who will be the contact person once I am a tenant? (Be sure to get their e-mail and emergency contact information.)
6. What is the energy source for heating the apartment?